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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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## MACo & The Montana Legislature

*MACo & The Montana Legislature* is a new page on the Montana Association of Counties website dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 60th Montana Legislature. You'll find the MACo Resolutions, links to bills pertaining to MACo resolutions, MACo's Weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearings calendars, committee listings, Legislator contact information, and much, much more.

Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this legislative session.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of the Commissioners and other elected officials and county staff who have come to Helena and helped us cover the hearings. As you can see, the schedule is full and many of our MACo Bills are scheduled for Committee hearings this week. Please be sure to call, fax or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. The Legislators need to hear from you!

## Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

\*MACo Bill

### Monday, January 22

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 2 General appropriations act	Room 472	8:00 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	Room 317A	8:00 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	Room 317B	8:00 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	Room 317C	8:00 a.m.
HB 6 Renewable resource grants	Room 350	8:00 a.m.
HB 60 Access to civil justice act, self-help law program	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 90 Increase loan authority for MT enhanced registration & license info. Network	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 143 Transfer quarterly report requirement for motor vehicle wrecking facility	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 167 Revise process for adopting solid waste management plan	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 172 Electronic recording of custodial questioning	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
*HB 174 Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
HB 184 Protect public access to water via growth policy	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 186 Efficiency standards for state motor pool	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 218 Revise net metering laws	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 257 Revise taxpayer bill of rights	Room 152	9:00 a.m.

HB 267	Clarify impact fee laws	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
HB 286	Revise allocation of workforce training funds to high poverty areas	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 325	Allow employer to require payment of employees by electronic transfers	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 132	Revise marriage license requirements	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
SB 252	Road name change law	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 260	Felony for illegal alien to register to vote	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 23

HB 147	Revise and clarify application of bed tax and sales and use tax	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
*HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 265	Clarify vote requirements for planning board	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 319	Revise law on construction and highway contracts	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 235	Business improvement district law	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 4	Procurement rebate regulation	Room 317C	5:00 p.m.
SB 110	Revise land use laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 191	Revise work comp exemption requirements for independent contractors	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 204	Prevent insurer from requiring repairs or estimates from certain business	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 209	Transfer registered process servers to Board of Private Security Patrol Officers	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 222	Revise speed laws near emergency vehicles	Room 405	3:00 p.m.
SB 245	Revise local government debt limits	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 251	Allow conveyance of highway right-of-way interest to local government	Room 405	3:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 24

HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Room 350	8:00 a.m.
HB 201	Authorize opencut mine permit fee	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 203	Revise controlled ground water law	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 205	Revise controlled ground water laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 221	Reduce size of legislature	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
HB 297	Add teachers to state health insurance	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
HB 313	Constitutional amendment to limit taxable value for senior citizens	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 330	Clean and renewable energy bonding	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 337	Permissive levy for firefighter disability insurance	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 341	Revise jury pool laws	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
HB 347	Revise law on school trustee letting contracts and bids	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
HB 349	Statutorily restrict bill draft requests	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
HJ 6	Urge agriculture to produce 25% of energy consumed by 2025	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HJ 13	Encourage oil and gas development	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 129	Revise truancy laws	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
*SB 155	Older American's trust law	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
SB 168	Transfer public employee accrued leave into post-retirement health care account	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 186	School district access to health insurance loss information	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
SB 217	Repeal utility tax tracker	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SB 223	Generally revise water appropriation laws	Room 317B	3:00 p.m.
SB 234	Establish fair access to basic property and casualty insurance	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 241	Generally revise oil and gas laws	Room 317B	3:00 p.m.
SB 281	Simplify income taxation for married couples filing individually	Room 405	9:00 a.m.

### Thursday, January 25

HB 245	State assumption of absentee ballot cost	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 252	Revise local government powers	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 280	Revise impact fee laws	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
*HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 327	Deferred property tax system for low income disabled or elderly persons	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 329	Increase penalties for partner or family member assault	Room 137	8:00 a.m.

HB 331	Increase appropriations to certain economic development programs	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 361	Revise law on proxy marriage	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
*HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
*SB 33	Procedures governing social security numbers and computer security breaches	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 159	Include drug use in county drinking and driving prevention programs	Room 405	3:00 p.m.
SB 199	Revise sewer district laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 26

HB 344	Right to work	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 93	Revise and fund service area authorities	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
SB 113	Increase meal reimbursement rates for state employees	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 268	Cut surface mines coal severance tax by one-half	Room 405	9:00 a.m.

## Projected Session Calendar

**Please note:** Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

**Introduction deadlines:** Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

**"General bills"** is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

**Notes:** Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan 25:	Last Day to Request Revenue Bills
Feb 16:	Last Day for Committee to Request General Bills
Feb 27:	Transmittal of General Bills to Other Chamber
Feb 28-March 4:	Transmittal Break
March 21:	Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	through April 7 - Break
April 10:	Last day to request study Resolution or Committee Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

## MACo Resolutions/Legislation

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	Hearing	1/08
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	Hearing	1/09
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	Hearing	1/09
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	Hearing	1/15
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Passed as Amended	1/17
→ →				Referred to Committee (H) Appropriations	
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	Hearing	1/22
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	Bill Passed as Amended	1/19
→ →				Scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	Transmitted to Senate	1/18
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	Hearing	1/23
HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	Hearing	1/25
HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	Hearing	2/06

HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	Hearing	1/25
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	Introduced	1/17
HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Referred to Committee (H) Judiciary	1/17
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SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	1/10
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Hearing	1/18
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	Hearing	1/12
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Hearing	1/24
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	Referred to Committee (S) State Administration	1/16
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SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Referred to Committee (S) State Administration	1/18
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LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC0697	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	Draft Ready for Delivery	12/27
LC0950	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	Draft in Legal Review	1/18
LC1153	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	Draft in Legal Review	1/18
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1157	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	Draft Taken off Hold	1/11
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	1/11
LC1545	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	Draft to Requester for Review	1/16
LC1560	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	Draft on Hold	1/15
LC1669	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	Draft Request Received	12/04
LC1736	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	Draft on Hold	12/28
LC1767	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Draft Request Received	12/05
LC1796	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	Draft in Assembly	12/21
LC2204	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	Draft in Final Drafter Review	1/19

## County Administration

HB 292	Revise local government leasing laws
SB 245	Revise local government debt limits
SB 251	Allow conveyance of highway right-of-way interest to local government
SB 252	Road name change law
SB 264	Low-income rates for local government utilities

## Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HB 329	Increase penalties for partner or family member assault
HB 341	Revise jury pool laws
SB 260	Felony for illegal alien to register to vote
SB 263	DUI license plates
SB 273	Revise peace officers standards and training council

## Education

HB 297	Add teachers to state health insurance
HB 363	Revise school budget laws
SB 291	Allow creation of high school districts

## Employment

HB 325	Allow employer to require payment of employees by electronic transfers
HB 344	Right to work
SB 249	Revise workforce drug and alcohol testing law
SB 250	Right to work

SB 255 Restrict expenditure of public funds for employee benefits

### **Health and Human Services**

HB 337 Permissive levy for firefighter disability insurance

SB 246 Include ambulance services under medical providers able to establish lien

### **Land Use and Economic Development**

HB 295 Revise local government leasing laws

HB 299 Add teachers to state health insurance

HB 303 Require crushed or recycled glass in state highway projects

HB 306 Prohibit State from ceding jurisdiction over certain nontribally owned fee lands

HB 319 Revise law on construction and highway contracts

HB 346 Authorize municipal utilities to provide electricity supply to jurisdiction

SB 274 Revise laws relating to state land sales, trades, leases, and administration

### **Natural Resources; Environment**

HB 304 Create interim water policy committee

HB 309 Revise biodiesel and ethanol laws

HB 318 Increase minimum fuel octane level to 87

HB 330 Clean and renewable energy bonding

SB 241 Generally revise oil and gas laws

SB 293 Sustainable forest management act

### **State Administration**

HB 313 Constitutional amendment to limit taxable value for senior citizens

HB 322 Clarify legislative entities that can request Attorney General opinions

HB 324 Increase legislative candidate filing fee

SB 254 Require collective bargaining neutrality agreement in state services contracts

SB 269 Revise standards for recorded documents

SB 279 Clean campaign act

SB 280 Cross-party candidate endorsement

SB 283 Regulation of event data recorder disclosure and use

SB 290 Implement national popular vote act

### **Taxes, Fees, Revenues**

HB 327 Deferred property tax system for low income disabled or elderly persons

HB 356 Reduce property taxes by changes in state aid to schools

SB 268 Cut surface mines coal severance tax by one-half

### **Transportation**

SB 271 Revise requirements for securing loads

SB 292 Requiring stop signal arms on certain buses